Dear parents, carers, staff and students,

A mixed newsletter this week, however, every topic is just as important as the next. Enjoy the read and if it does not make sense chat to your child’s teacher or myself.

♦ Homework

Homework is official from this week. Remember mums and dads; if the homework is too hard or too easy, just pop a note on the homework sheet for the teacher’s information. It is not your job to complete the homework for your child. It is your job to organise a suitable time and a quiet place to complete the homework.

Most teachers require students to read out aloud every night, to learn a list of spelling words, to use these words in a sentence or a story as well as some mathematics, either problem solving, computation or learning facts such as families of ten, perhaps times tables or formulas. Some teachers are starting to use online programs such as Study Ladder. When teachers use online learning each student will be issued with logon and password details. At Bargo Public School almost all teachers give students the week to complete their homework, so that families can work around sport and family commitments. As parents, our staff know that they are out and about at sport training one night a week. The only exception is Mr Hines. 6H’s homework is expected back daily.

♦ Approaching Children in the playground

Sadly we had an episode last week, where a parent took it upon themselves to approach a kindergarten student in the playground and told the child off in a very inappropriate manner. PARENTS are not permitted to approach students in this school for any reason. This type of behaviour is considered as BULLYING.

If you believe that your child has been treated unfairly by a student while at school, or while travelling to and from school; IT IS A SCHOOL MATTER and needs to be addressed by the school. As a parent you are the eyes and ears of our school, and you can help by reporting your concerns to your child’s class teacher. If you are very concerned, you report the matter to the executive staff responsible for the class.

Mrs Hawkes—teaches KH and is responsible for KS, K1C, 1K, 12H, Mrs Corney—teaches 23C and is responsible for 2G; 3D, 34G, 2-6W
Mrs Kent—teaches 56F and is responsible for 6H, 6A, 4J, 4SR If you are super concerned you can report directly to the principal, myself.

♦ Mum and Dad reading also known as MAD

As Mem Fox has said over the years...’When we look at the sort of home which produces book-lovers, the first thing we notice – the most obvious, but strangely the most often forgotten factor – is that such a home has books in it’.

Do you have a wonderful supply of books in your home? or Do you expect your child to read their library books? Do you and your children visit the local council library? or Do you and your children own a free library card? Have you dropped into the mobile library van which visits Bargo each week?

We understand that it is hard to keep students motivated to read each day, more so when the kids reach year 3. So Mrs Gray, the original designer of MAD, has come up with a modification to the program but she needs your help. She has convinced all staff from year 3 to 6 to open their classrooms to parents and carers to hear children read for 10 minutes each day. So …..each child from year 3 and up read for the first 10 minutes of every day……most parents are in the playground for a few minutes after the bell before heading home.

So by putting the kids with a parent, we could all work together to hear many children read aloud everyday. Just 10 minutes everyday you can make it, just walk into a year 3, 4, 5 or 6 classroom and listen to a child read. We will be having a lucky MAD listener draw once a month. Remember to record your name on the MAD listeners sheet for a chance to win a cuppa and a slice of cake on us!

♦ Now some general information for all parents.

As a new year starts and children change classes we would like to remind the school community that some children at Bargo Public School suffer from allergies (including anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts, strawberries, fish and many more foods. These allergies can be very serious. We ask that children do not share or swap food that you have packed for them. If they do not wish to eat something we ask that they place it back into their lunch box and bring it home, rather than throwing it away. There are children with allergies and anaphylaxis in all classes. All students know how to deal with this medical issue; and go the extra mile by washing their hands thoroughly and rinsing their mouth after they have eaten.

"Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
SLIP, SLOP and SLAP – Here goes... in the summertime and warmer weather it is important to SLOP your children with sunscreen every morning before they head off to school. Students are encouraged to reapply sunscreen throughout the day if they have some. Chemists and supermarkets sell little squirt bottles which can be attached to their school bag and you can refill them. We do not supply sunscreen for student use due to allergies and skin issues.

SLIP ON A HAT! At school students wearing hats/caps are permitted to play anywhere in the school. Students who forgot their hats/caps are told to play under the COLA or to visit the library. This action is a school rule; as is wearing your school uniform everyday. SLAP on a pair on sunglasses, if you as parents decide that it is OK.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students, staff and parents for your efforts over the last three week! All students have been very productive, responding very well to all learning tasks designed by their teachers. I have been very impressed by the standard of work that I am seeing each day.

Parents, teachers have spent the last three weeks instilling a new set of work routines and habits for 2015, so the work has been a little easy. Now the work load and degree of difficulty will start to increase. Also note, children need to work neatly and quickly to complete work in the set timeframes.

Thank you to the teachers for their commitment to creating stimulating learning opportunities and stimulating learning environments.

Thank you to all parents for your commitment to delivering your children safely and on time each day with their equipment for the day.

On a different note, CONGRATULATIONS to kinder students, who are learning very quickly many of our ‘BIG school’ routines. So much so, that they are joining the rest of the school in many important aspects of school life. Please read any notes from Mrs Hawkes carefully about changes to Kindergarten routines.

All students are reminded to hang their bag on a hook outside their room, then to move to the COLA/netball area to meet their friends and play until the bell. On the sound of the bell, students are expected to move to their class rooms and line up. All students are expected to go the toilets, to wash their hands with soap (which has been installed by the P and C) before the bell.

Each morning we have two staff members on duty who roam the COLA and netball areas, and around the classrooms ensuring that everyone is safe and wearing a hat.

Next playing during the breaks. During the first three weeks of school, when it wasn’t raining, kindergarten students played down near the hall without the other grades to boss then around. It is pleasing to note, kinders are making new friends and rekindling their friendships from pre-school. While the rest of the students have had the rest of the school to play in. Shortly, everyone will be able to play in any playground. Kinder parents don’t fret, most kinder children continue playing down near hall, under the COLA and on the netball court. So no need to worry about safety of your little ones amongst the Year 6 students, just yet.

Enjoy the term ahead and aim to learn something new everyday!

Anne Bunga
Principal

Topics included in this newsletter:

- Head Lice
- P & C meetings
- Friendship Groups, Chess Club and Enviro Groups
- Staying Safe at School
- Notes to be returned
- Money collection

HEAD LICE

Head lice is an ongoing problem for most schools. Families spend an incredible amount of time and money trying to eradicate these little creatures. Over the last 6 years we have had an incredible amount of success with our plan, but we cannot afford to become complacent. The plan is for you to check your child’s head each and every Monday evening.

Should you find head lice please treat your family's hair, brushes, combs and bed linen. Please notify me so that I can advise the school community to take extra precautions by issuing additional notes.
Remember head lice love to live in clean, strong hair. Their eggs are usually found in the warm, moist areas behind the ears and along the nape of the neck.

Some simple solutions include:

- tying your child’s hair up — both boys and girls
- spraying your child’s hair with hairspray, making it much harder for the nit to attach to the hair shaft
- spraying Tea Tree oil in the lining of the school cap, lice don’t like the smell

P & C meeting – March 4th 2015 commencing at 7pm in the staffroom

On behalf of the P & C committee I would like to invite all parents to think about joining their hard working team on the 1st Wednesday evening of each month. These meetings are held in the staff room and commence at 7.00pm and generally conclude by 8.30pm. Most of the current mums tell me P & C meeting are an important part of their social events—a chance to go out mid week without the kids because the other half takes over looking after the kids for the night!

Topics include new projects for our school. These projects might address the school site itself; the academic, physical, social and/or emotional needs of students &/or parents &/or staff.

Please come along and help make these decisions for our school. Hear the latest information from me, first hand, and enjoy a coffee, a freshly baked scone or muffin or two (and a giggle).

Friendship Groups, Chess Club and Enviro Club

Each year teachers run a number of different styles of friendship groups to meet student needs. This year the executive team are running a friendship skills program for students on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the first lunch break. Teachers have identified students who need to attend due to a lack of friends (or friendship building skills) or have been on detention for making poor decisions in the playground.

Mrs Adam, Mr Hockey and Mr Little are running different aspects of their environmental programs lead by the school captains, vice captains and prefects every day of the week.

Mr Little loves to share his passion for playing chess and draughts with the students during lunch and recess breaks. Students need to watch the black boards around the school for the next competition.

Children just need to meet with the teachers to attend any of these programs. There is no cost to attend.

STAYING SAFE AT SCHOOL

In order to prevent accidents in our playground we ask all students to follow the following simple guidelines. I write them here for you so that you can discuss them with your children.

- Leave all wooden sporting equipment at home as well as hard cricket balls. Our school supplies plastic sporting equipment for student use.
- Always walk on hard surfaces.
- Only play on the fixed equipment when a teacher is watching you. Never go on the equipment after school.
- Leave screw drivers, knives, or other weapons at home - bringing these items to school will result in immediate suspension.
- Wear your helmet when riding your bike or scooter and obey the road rules.
- Enter the school by the student gates not the staff car park gates.
- Leave your mobile phones in the front office.
- Enter a room slowly as you never know who might be trying to come out.
- Always wear your cap/hat when out in the playground or you will need to play under the COLA.
- Always sit down to eat and put your rubbish in the bin and the food scraps in the bins for the worm farm.
Notes to be returned via the silver collection tin

Please look for these notes which have been sent home and return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope and place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

- Emergency contact names and numbers for 2015 (all students)
- Permission to attend local excursions (all students)
- Permission to have access to technology, photos on the web (all students)
- Voluntary contributions note (all students)
- 10 day Swimming School (yrs 1 -6)
- PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival – stroke events
- PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival – freestyle events

Notes are also available from the Bargo Public School’s website.
JUST google Bargo Public School and open the calendar tab after reading the front page for the details of where to find the note.

Notes are also available from SCHOOL STREAM—free phone app.
Go to forms> select FORMS> complete the detail and select the permission note form the drop down menu. > submit and phone credit details through.

Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School. EFTPOS is also available. Please refer to the note for details about making payments.

Thursday is banking day & banking has started for 2015

MONEY COLLECTION

Please note that the silver tin is out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only for money collection.

The silver tin is out on Thursdays for children’s bank books.

All notes should be returned to the school, via the silver tin for distribution from the office to the class teacher. Following this practice gives back teaching time to each and every student.
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**Term 1**

- **2 Feb**: Kinder start today
- **3 Feb**: Scripture to starts
- **4 Feb**: House Keeping meeting 8.30am
- **5 Feb**: House Keeping meeting 8.30am
- **6 Feb**: Swimming Carnival @ Picton

**Term 2**

- **3 March**: CPAHS auditions Y7 '16
- **4 March**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **5 March**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **6 March**: Best Start K home to parents

**Term 3**

- **3 April**: Good Friday
- **3 Apr**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **4 Apr**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **5 Apr**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm

**Notes**

- **27 Feb**: 2.05 - 2.40pm Assembly
- **31 Mar**: 2.45 - 3.20pm K-2 Assembly

**Important Dates**

- **3 Feb**: Kinder start today
- **4 Feb**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **6 Feb**: Swimming Carnival @ Picton
- **8 Feb**: Yrs 3-6 plus swimmers turning
- **16 Feb**: Swimming Carnival @ Picton
- **23 Feb**: Best Start K home to parents

**Events**

- **3 Feb**: Kindergarten start today
- **4 Feb**: Staff meeting 3:30 pm
- **5 Feb**: RR training @ CNPS
- **8 Feb**: Yrs 3-6 plus swimmers turning
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